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ONE LAST PLUNGE BEFORE FALL...Swimmers took advantage of the Elba City Pool being open on Labor Day to get in that one last day of swimming before cool weather (maybe) sets in. The pool was not overly crowded with swimmers but the ones who were there enjoyed the cool water to the fullest. The young unidentified "jumper" certainly seems to be giving it his ALL.

MORE SPECIAL SESSIONS ANTICIPATED BY REPRESENTATIVE

Holley reflects on legislature's positive actions

by Katie R. Hodge

According to Representative Jimmy Holley, a confrontation between Governor Guy Hunt and the state's legislative bodies was not the only outcome of the legislature's last session. In an interview last Thursday, August 29, Holley reported that the



Rep. Jimmy Holley

session produced some positive points as well as the more publicized issues, the education and general fund budgets. Among those points was the passage of a bill titled *Forever Wild*. This bill gave funding to acquire special lands and endangered areas unique to Alabama such as the Gulf shores, swamps, and mountain areas. Another bill, one that Representative Holley was instrumental in passing, involved the proposed creation of a *Watershed Management Authority*. The Corps of Engineers, who built and regularly inspect the levee around the City of Elba will conduct a study to investigate whether the areas of the Choctawhatchee and Pea River Basins warrant a state agency to oversee control and maintenance. Among other areas of duties, the Authority would work with the Corps to try to improve the quality and quantity of drinking water in the region. According to Holley, only a percentage of local land is being irrigated to its potential. This Authority would assist the counties in implementing more effective irrigation. The Authority would not only contribute to these facets, but become involved in recreational activities as well.

Holley stated that the disagreements which occurred last session

over the more publicized of bills, the General Fund Budget, concerned the method by which the legislature would financially maintain state agencies. He stated that due to the downturn in the economy, two alternatives exist. The first was to stay within the limits of the state's funds. The second was to raise taxes. Both houses chose the first alternative and passed a General Fund Budget, which Governor Hunt in turn vetoed. In addition, he used the line-item veto, which is not constitutional according to the constitution of the State of Alabama, on certain aspects of the Education Budget, as passed by both houses.

A case against the veto was filed August 21 in Alabama circuit court. Although Holley said that he does not anticipate a decision from the courts before the special session's reconvening date, September 9, the legislature can ask the state Supreme Court for an advisory opinion. The court does not have to comply with this request, but it would aid in passing a budget suitable to constitutional and economical limits. A special session, which can only be called by the governor and must pertain to a certain issue. Special sessions can last up to 12 legislative days or 30 calendar days. A simple majority is required from both houses to pass the issue at hand. But an issue not in the realm of the one called to special session requires a two-thirds vote. This special session was called to pass a General Fund Budget over or in accordance with Governor Hunt's veto.

Those areas that Governor Hunt felt were not given enough attention or funding in the General Fund Budget included the Public Safety Commission, Emergency Management Agency, Department of Corrections, and Governor Hunt's own contingency fund, a fund that gives the Governor resources to use at his discretion.

Representative Holley said that he did not feel that either house was overly determined to pass the budget over Gov. Hunt's veto. He pointed out that when a \$1.3 billion budget has been whittled down to the spending of several million dollars, there



WRECKS ON DISPLAY...During the Labor Day holiday, the local M.A.D.D. Chapter (Mothers Against Drunk Drivers) placed wrecked vehicles at key locations along main highways to warn drivers of what could happen to them if they drink and drive. There were two such displays in Elba over the weekend.

is no room for small disagreements. One issue of particular interest to Representative Holley's constituents in Elba concerns the State Emergency Management Agency. As Representative Holley communicated to the Clipper previously, he was not notified of the absence of language in the budget which would include the allowance of appropriation for the EMA. (No fixed amount of money is allocated, only the language to include the allocation of money if and when the need arises.) He stated that he had spoken with members of the Budget Committee and that they agreed with him that this language would be appropriate to include in the anticipated budget.

The subject of proration is not a new one to state educators and Representative Holley said that again there were two alternatives to solve the issue. The first was to raise taxes. The second would be to allow the economy to control the funding. As more goods are produced and bought, more taxes are paid. When the economy is stimulated, so is the amount of taxes due to schools. Holley said that the first alternative was not considered. Therefore, the economy will be the deciding factor in how long public schools will suffer. Holley explained that either of the

There are two alternatives to financially maintain state agencies... stay within the limits of the state funds or raise taxes.

Representative Holley

legislature's choices would cost taxpayers, however the second seems to affect pocketbooks less. To counter the cuts due to proration, Holley named a number of measures state universities were taking to save money. Restricted faculty and administrative travel, cuts in new equipment purchases, no salary increase, and limited hiring were included.

Representative Holley said that while he supported the initial highway bill that came before the House, he was less in favor of the following bill that included the large bond issue. When asked how U.S. Highway 84's final route would affect his support or lack thereof of the highway bill, he said that of course he hoped to see U.S. 84 serve the population and construction needs of the most of his constituents.

Holley explained that though the state government "shuts down" if no budget has been passed by October, the beginning of a new fiscal year, the state would operate according to the present 1990-91 budget.

The reapportionment issue that will be the subject of a later special session is a routine matter. This will take place on the federal as well as the state level. Holley said that both the U.S. and the State of Alabama Constitutions require routine reapportionment, or the proportionate division of voter districts according to

ZIGLAR'S ATTORNEYS CALL JUDGE TO TESTIFY

Crawley served with subpoena

by Marvin McLwain
Editor

During a motion hearing in which 12th Judicial Circuit Judge John Crawley was being asked to recuse himself from the Ziglar case, he was served with a subpoena to testify in the matter.

The subpoena, acquired by Ziglar's court appointed attorneys, Stafford Pittman and Rodger Branum, was served by Coffee County Sheriff Brice Paul as the judge set on the bench during a short recess in Friday afternoon's hearing.

Ziglar's attorney's had argued for more than an hour that the trial judge could be called to testify even if the testimony was to be given in a hearing being presided over by himself.

Judge Crawley did not object to his being called as a witness, but he stated that he could not and would not give testimony in his own court.

"You would be putting me in the position of determining whether or not I was telling the truth," said Crawley.

In the motion to recuse filed in the circuit clerk's office on Wednesday, August 28, Pittman and Branum contended that Judge Crawley

exhibited numerous instances of hostility, bias, and personal animosity toward Ziglar "to the degree that it is apparent the trial court cannot and will not apply the law in an impartial and fair respect to Ziglar."

References were made in the motion to Crawley's refusal to set bail after Ziglar's sentencing hearing and also, the motion contended that the \$300,000.00 bail, when it was set, was "an unreasonably high amount, given the circumstances of the case, the nature of offense, the financial situation of Ziglar, and the purpose of the bail."

Pittman: "We're not trying to back door anything!"

Assistant District Attorney Al Smith objected to Crawley's being called to testify and accused defense attorney's of trying to do by the back door what they were attempting to do by the front door. He was referring to their attempt to get Crawley removed from the case.

Smith said, "Whether or not the judge is bias or prejudice is the only matter before this court today."

Pittman's response to Smith's accusation was, "We're not trying to

back door anything!"

Crawley, after being served the subpoena to testify, said that he would not rule on any other motions pending in this case until the defense's motion for him to recuse is settled.

He further stated that another judge would have to be appointed by either the 12th Judicial Circuit Court's Presiding Judge Gary McAllister or by the state's Administrative Officers of Courts to hear his testimony.

A motion for a new trial had been scheduled for hearing on Friday, September 6, but will not be heard until the above matter is resolved.

Judge Crawley was assigned to hear the Ziglar case after he was appointed by Governor Guy Hunt to serve the remainder of Judge Riley P. Green's term.

Judge McAllister and Judge Terry Butts had both recused themselves from presiding over the Ziglar trial. Ziglar was found guilty of the lesser charge of manslaughter in the January 30, 1990 shotgun slaying of Edward Lamar Kelley. The original charge and grand jury indictment against Ziglar was for murder.

The trial was held last June with Judge Crawley presiding.

Ziglar remains free on \$300,000 bail pending the outcome of his appeal presently before the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeal.

Elba's Christmas Festival '91 now in planning stages

The Elba Chamber of Commerce is making preparations for the Annual Christmas Festival to be held Saturday, December 14, 1991.

Events already scheduled for this year's festival include the "Sweet Adelines", Little Miss Christmas, Fashion Show, Santa and his Reindeer, FFA Quartet, the Christmas Parade and much more.

This year the Chamber is asking for more participation. The town's business owners are being asked to dress up the town by decorating their store fronts with simple decorations.

Businesses, clubs and civic organizations are being encouraged to

sponsor a float or to "dress up their cars" for the parade which will be held at 6:00 p.m. this year.

Anyone interested in sponsoring a float or having any ideas for making the event better should contact or call the Elba Chamber of Commerce at 897-3125.

The following persons may also be contacted for information concerning the Christmas Festival: Lisa Johnson at 897-5549, Parade Entertainment and Little Miss Christmas Pageant; Lynn Baker at 897-3813 (evenings) Arts & Crafts Booths; Gene Kennett at 897-2739, Chamber of Commerce.

FIRST WOMAN TAKES SEAT ON CITY COUNCIL

New Brockton's council makes history

by Marvin McLwain
Editor

History was made in New Brockton's city council meeting Tuesday evening when a woman was appointed to fill the vacant council seat.

Immediately after the preliminaries were dispensed with, Mayor Jim Driskell asked for nominations from the councilmembers to fill the vacancy. Councilman Ralph Medley placed Rhonda Davis' name in nomination.

Mrs. Davis was the only nominee to come from the councilman.

Mayor Driskell called for the vote and by a vote of 3 to 1 Davis was appointed to the council. Councilman Charles Cole cast the only dissenting vote.

Mrs. Davis was immediately sworn in following the vote and took her seat on the council. By doing so, she, according to Mayor Driskell, became the first woman in the history of New Brockton to serve on the city council.

Cole was asked after the meeting if there was any reason why he did not vote for Davis. His response was, "I just voted my convictions."

Ten T-Hangers to be built at Elba's airport

The Elba Airport Authority has announced plans for the immediate construction of ten additional T-hangers at the Carl Folsom Airport. The hangers are for rent to owners of private aircraft in the area.

Members of the Airport Authority have been working for several months to get this project to the construction phase. They have a waiting list of aircraft owners who want and need hanger space for their planes.

Jim Driscoll, chairman of the Elba Airport Authority, said Tuesday evening that work should begin within the next three weeks with completion expected within 60 days. Contractor for the project is Charles Wilson of Troy.



Rhonda Davis takes the oath of office to become New Brockton's first woman councilperson.

however, I do feel that Mrs. Davis is qualified to do the job."

In another matter, the council approved the recommendation of the city's Planning Commission to re-zone property behind the Coffee Baptist Association building from R-2 to R-3. This is a requirement that must be met in order to allow the construction of a proposed Senior Citizen Apartment Complex.

The request for this re-zoning came from Murphy Realty which is handling the acquisition of the land for Huff & Associates Construction Company of Opelika, Alabama.

The company is planning to build 31 single bedroom apartment units to be occupied by elderly residents.

A public hearing was held prior to the council meeting and there was no opposition to the re-zoning. The property joins that owned by New Brockton's Housing Authority.

Police Chief Richard Nichols requested permission from the council to temporarily hire William Drumm, as a police officer. The chief informed the councilmen that Officer Jake Heath had resigned to accept a position with the Ozark Police Department.

Also, the councilmen were told

that Police Officer Jim Richardson would be entering the Police Academy next month to become certified.

Other matter acted on by the council were as follows:
***Paid bills totaling \$1,579.04.
***Approved the purchasing of 100 rounds of ammunition to be used by police officers in qualifying on the weapon's range.
***Appointed Davis to the Water Board.

Meeting adjourned!

Circus coming to Zion Chapel next Tuesday

The Zion Chapel Rebel Band Boosters are sponsoring the 1991 edition of The Circle City Circus on Tuesday, September 10th for two shows in the Zion Chapel High School Gym. First show is at 6:00 and the second show is at 8:00 p.m.

Advance tickets may be purchased from any Zion Chapel Band member at the cost of \$5.00 with children under two being admitted free. Door admission will be \$6.00.

SEPTEMBER

The football team from that little of school called Florida State University made a mark last week they were invited to play in the annual Classic. FSU did score several touchdowns, but two of those were after Coach Bowen had pulled most of the first and second string players and was letting all the FSU players get in on the action. We didn't see the first game but the part we did see was all Florida State. Football fans from everywhere can look for these youngsters to step on some more toes before the football season is over... and they do it with class.

Reapportionment of both the U.S. Congress and the state legislature will take place before the next elections. We have heard several interesting ideas on the best ways to divide up the state, but ain't none of these official. There is no doubt, but changes will be made. However, the important thing to residents of any area is what exactly will happen in this area. Larger or smaller means very little to the individual voter who in mostly concerned over "who will represent me".

The rebel Cuban inmates at the federal prison in Talladega, AL are now history in the U.S. The hostages were rescued in a very professional manner by a unit of the FBI. We salute them for the perfection of their plan. As far as the Cuban jailbirds are concerned, we feel they proved they were undesirable with their actions and their threats to start killing hostages if they didn't get their way.

Experts have now found what they classify as the "fastest star". It travels at 5.35 million mph or 60 times the speed planet Earth spins around the sun. Also estimates are that the star is 15,000 years old. Don't know what good any of this information is, but folks you now have it. Maybe it talk of the football games of last weekend but you, injecting the above info will change the subject... or get your crazy head knocked off.

Governor Hunt will probably never get an accurate measure of the damage to his credibility from the preaching trips but you can be assured the damage is there and it is deep. We hear "good folks" who have been loyal to the Republican governor admitting they just can't stick with him any longer.

The Atlanta Braves are in the spotlight as this is being written. It is unusual for this team to be at the top of anything good. But right now they hold a very slim lead in their division. Our prediction is that if the team continues to stay on top and doesn't blow the lead, management will start trading away the talent. We get kinda upset with the Braves management as they continue to trade away the good players. It is hard not to suspect Ted Turner makes his money from selling players... look at all the goods ones he has traded away over the years.

The failure of the dog racing vote in Jefferson County last week has left a bunch of folks with their mouth hanging open. Credit for the negative vote is being passed around rather freely and maybe truthfully. However we believe it was largely a protest against what appeared to be action of a bought-and-paid-for legislature. We don't care if there is a dog racing track on every street corner, but hope our lawmakers can now get their priorities straight. If they had passed the General Fund and Education bills according to Alabama law and THEN taken up these special interest bills, the outcome might have been different... at least they wouldn't be going back this month in a special session to do their primary job.

Fred Clark Jr. has just been named president of the Alabama Rural Electric Association. The announcement will become official later this week but he told us earlier this week and we are telling you. Fred (sorry but it is still Freddie to us) was most recently representing Senator Richard Shelby throughout Alabama. He has worked with Senator Helms and was also a lobbyist for the Rural Electric people in Washington for several years. Here is a young man who "has done good" and we are proud to know him and his family. Fred said he would "probably" still support Senator Shelby. When explaining his leaving at this time, Clark said, "the re-election campaign is going well at this time, a lot of money has been raised and there is no strong opposition to Shelby's re-election... it is a good time to leave when such a golden opportunity (Rural Electric) presents itself."

Letter to the editor...

Marvin By the time you read this, I will be getting ready to go back to Montgomery to consider another version of the state operating budget. As you know, Governor Hunt vetoed the \$802 million spending plan approved by the Legislature and has called a special session, which begins September 9. I asked the governor to allow the budget to become law because we had spent countless hours trying to write a spending plan we thought adequately funded state government with existing tax dollars.

The governor, however, did not listen. Instead, he rewrote the state's history books and became the first governor in memory to veto a state budget. His veto puts us back at square one. It means that all the hours negotiating with department heads, legislators and, yes, members of the governor's own staff, were wasted. It also puts the Legislature in time crunch. Alabama law prohibits the state from operating without a budget, and the current one expires September 30, 1991. If we do not approve a new budget before then, we will be forced to drastically curtail state services.

I am committed to putting my best foot forward and trying to work with the administration. The last thing I want - and certainly the last thing the state needs - is to stop services because we don't have a bud-

get. The governor says that the budget we approved cuts too deeply into appropriations for prisons, state troopers, mental health and his own discretionary, or pork account. I wish there had been more money. But, we knew that times were tough when we started the regular session back in April. Unfortunately, we still expect to collect about \$20 million less in taxes next year. The state can't spend more money than it collects and when tax revenues decline, we simply have to either cut someone's budget or raise taxes.

The governor's latest proposed budget takes millions of dollars primarily from health and human service agencies into prisons, public safety, mental health, and his discretionary account. All that does is rob Peter to pay Paul. But, Peter doesn't have any money either - and you can't squeeze blood out of a turnip. I want to help solve this crisis, but it is not going to be easy. Any way we write this budget, some agencies are going to suffer because there is not enough money to fund necessary services. There is no perfect answer to this financial dilemma. Regardless of what we do, someone is going to be unhappy.

During the next few weeks, I am going to have to make some tough choices. Please stay in touch, I need your suggestions and support. State Senator Crum Foshee

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Obituaries

ELIA McGRADY HAMMONDS

Elia McGrady Hammonds, age 65, of Winter Park, FL (formerly of Florida, AL), died Wednesday, July 10, 1991.

Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m. Monday, July 15, 1991, at Malone Memorial Institutional Church of God in Christ, Orlando, FL, with Bishop Melton L. Scrimme, pastor officiating. Burial followed in Washington Park Cemetery, of Orlando with Mitchell's Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include her husband, Mr. Wilbert Hammonds, Sr., Winter Park; four sons: Richard Earl Hammonds and wife, Cynthia, of Falls Church, VA; Charles Lynn Hammonds, of Eatonville; Gary Lee Hammonds and wife Deborah, of Maitland; one daughter Mrs. Gloria Babcock of Sanford; nine grandchildren: James, Richard, Jr., Charida, Corey, Michael, Adrian, Charlie, Jr., Maya and Brandi. One great-granddaughter, Brittany; one sister; Mildred McGrady, of Orlando; two brothers: Willie Carr and wife Pauline, of Florida; Curtis McGrady, of Orlando; brothers-in-law: R. D. Hammonds, of Orlando; J. F. Hammonds, of Stuart, FL; Monal Hammonds, of Philadelphia, PA; sisters-in-law: Mary Jackson, and Jessie Brown of Orlando. Special nephews and nieces: Kenny, Brenda, Wandu and James; several aunts and uncles, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and many friends.

DEWEY A. CHAMBLESS

Dewey Amos Chambliss, 85, of Route 5, Elba, died Thursday, August 29, 1991, at Elba General Hospital.

Funeral services were held 2:00 p.m. Saturday, August 31, 1991, at the Bethany Baptist Church with Reverend Gaylon Nelson and Reverend Monroe Nelson officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include seven daughters, Jewel Odum of Elba, Carolyn Baxter of Shreveport, La., Janice Blanchard of Houma, La., Nancy

Freeland and Christine Brooks of Albany, Ga., Eloise Schafer of Byron, Ga., Jeanette Dornbeck of Chicago, IL; three sons, Roy Chambliss of Brooklyn, Ms., Charles Chambliss of Columbus, Ga., Tommy Chambliss of Atlanta, Ga.; 22 grandchildren; 33 great grandchildren; and 5 great-great grandchildren.

SINGLETON RANDOLPH MCCOLLOUGH

Singleton Randolph McCollough, 89, a native of Elba and Coffee County, died Wednesday, August 28, 1991, in Elba General Hospital.

Mr. McCollough had been a retired merchant and farmer for many years. Funeral services were held 10:00 a.m. Friday, August 30, 1991, at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel in Elba with Reverend David Richburg officiating. Burial followed in the Pleasant Ridge Cemetery near Elba with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include one daughter, Louise Nicholson; a son-in-law, C. G. Nicholson, Jr.; a daughter-in-law, Helen McCollough; two grandsons, Ricky Nicholson and Ronny Nicholson; a granddaughter, Patricia Nicholson; and two great grandchildren, Kimbo Nicholson and Renae Nicholson.

ELBA POLICE REPORT

The Elba Police Department during the week beginning Tuesday, August 27, 1991, investigated the following incidents: three thefts, four harassments, one menacing, one unauthorized use of vehicle, one dog bite, one disorderly conduct, one criminal mischief, and one assault.

Arrests made during the same period of time were as follows: one for expired tag, one suspended driver's license, one for contempt of court, three for parking in handicapped parking zone, one for public intoxication, two for VPL, one for DUI, three for speeding, one for disorderly conduct, one for resisting arrest, one for revoked driver's license, and one for driving without a license.

Daily activity for the week was as follows:

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27 - Rescue run to wreck on Hwy. 134 (1:06 a.m.); Routine activity.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28 - Alarm at Weeks' Tire (1:25 p.m.); Wreck at the intersection of Hwy. 84W & AL 203 (3:42 p.m.); Rescue run to residence on Plant Ave. (10:57 p.m.); Alarm at Dr. Dyess' office (5:45 p.m.); Disturbance on West St. (6:20 p.m.).

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29 - Dis-

turbance on Reynolds St. (8:27 p.m.); Disturbance in Powell's Trailer Ct. (11:30 p.m.); Routine activity.

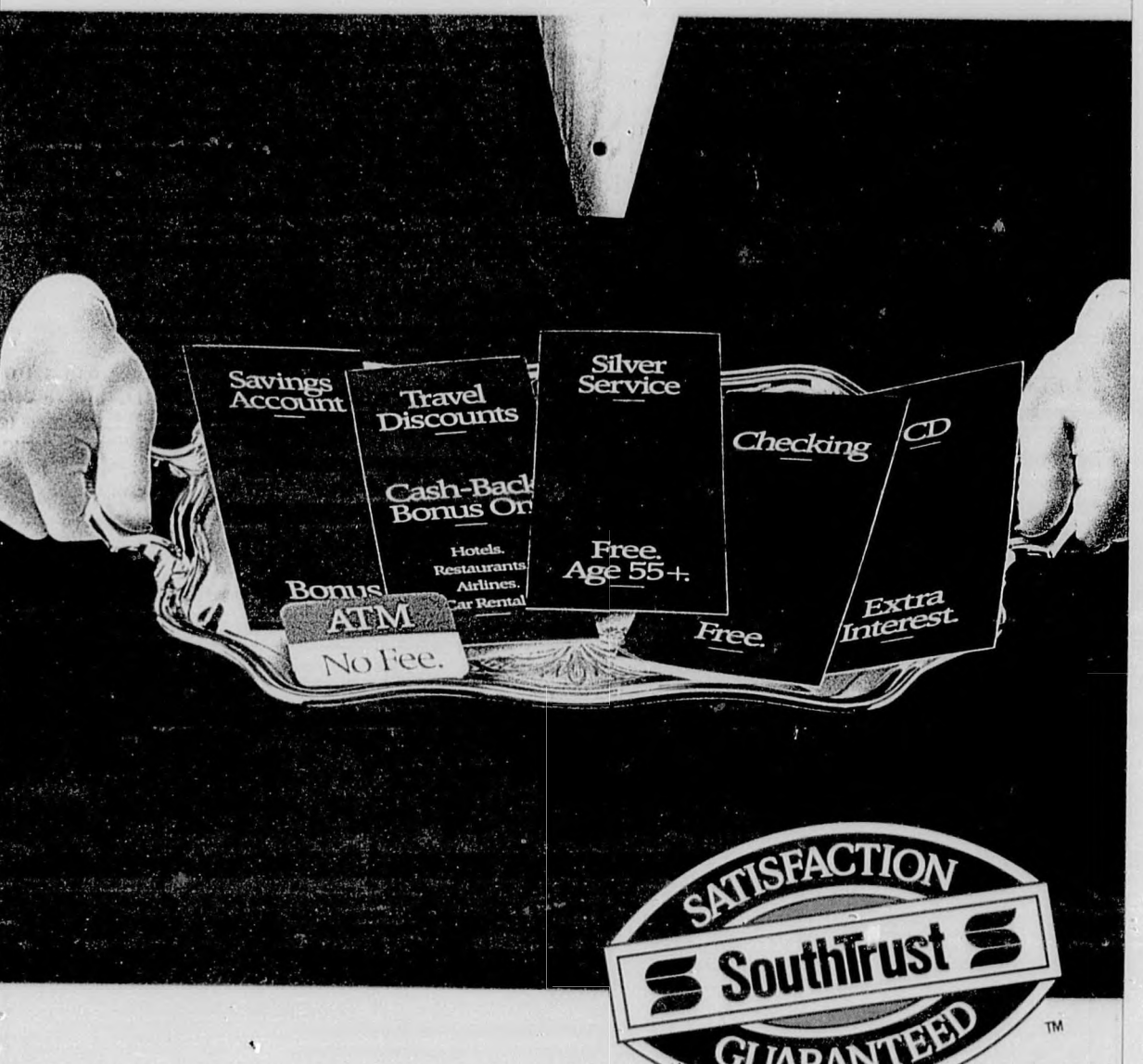
FRIDAY, AUGUST 30 - Rescue run to residence on Cedar Lane Dr. (2:37 a.m.); Rescue run to Pine Level community (1:51 p.m.); Subject reported with a gun on Cedar Lane Dr. (9:12 p.m.); Fight on Reynolds St. (5:10 p.m.); Fight on Reynolds St. (5:34 p.m.); Rescue run to Burch's Trailer Ct. (7:52 p.m.); Wreck on Hwy. 875 (10:33 p.m.); Disturbance on West St. (11:00 p.m.).

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31 - Disturbance in Mulberry Hts. (1:09 a.m.); Disturbance on Taylor Mill Rd. (11:44 a.m.); Alarm at Army Reserve Center (5:29 p.m.).

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 - Alarm at Haywood Drug (9:32 a.m.); Alarm at Dr. Dyess' office (7:14 p.m.); Routine activity.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 - Rescue run to residence on Claxton Ave. (9:59 a.m.); Rescue run to Co. Rd. 58 (1:59 p.m.); Alarm at Dr. Dyess' office (5:45 p.m.); Disturbance on West St. (6:20 p.m.).

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ESJC Announces Short Courses For Fall Quarter

AQUATIC EXERCISE AT ESJC

An Aquatic Exercise short course is included in the fall schedule at Enterprise State Junior College. The class helps students develop physical fitness through exercises in water. Class limit is 25. Bring a swimsuit and towel to the first meeting on September 16. The class will meet on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7 - 8 p.m. Registration deadline is September 9. For more information or to register call the Short Course Office at 393-ESJC or 1-800-874-3399.

SWEATSHIRT PAINTING AT ESJC

Three sweatshirt painting workshops are scheduled during fall quarter at Enterprise State Junior College. The classes will teach fabric painting on sweatshirts and T-shirts. Students should bring a prewashed white or pastel sweatshirt or T-shirt to the first class. Enrollment for each class is limited to 15 students so register early to get your name on the list. Contact the Short Course Office for details, 393-ESJC, ext. 266, or 1-800-874-3399.

INVESTING SEMINAR AT ESJC

Fundamental principles of investing will be covered in a three - evening investment seminar scheduled October 3, 10 and 17 at Enterprise State Junior College. Information presented will acquaint students with today's stock and bond markets. Fee for the course is \$25 and interested persons should register by September 26. Call 393-ESJC, ext. 266, or 1-800-874-3399 for details.

BASKET COURSE AT ESJC

Learn to make split oak baskets in a two-week short course at Enterprise State Junior College. Participants will be taught to make a traditional egg basket as well as a basket style of their choice. No basketmaking experience is required and supplies may be purchased at the first class. The class will meet on Tuesday and Thursdays September 17 - 26. Fee for the course is \$20. Call the Short Course Office at 393-ESJC, ext. 266, or 1-800-874-3399 for details.

LEISURE SWIMMING AT ESJC

Persons who already know how to swim and who are interested in swimming to maintain fitness can do so in the Leisure Swimming course offered at Enterprise State Junior College. The pool will be available approximately 21 hours per week beginning September 17. Register call the Short Course Office at 393-ESJC, ext. 266, or 1-800-874-3399 for details.

REAL ESTATE COURSES AT ESJC

Enterprise State Junior College will offer two real estate courses this fall. Fundamentals of Real Estate is the prelicense course for applicants for an Alabama Real Estate License. The course provides an introduction

TOLE PAINTING AT ESJC

Tole Painting will be offered on Thursdays beginning September 12 at Enterprise State Junior College. This class will meet through October 17 and a second class will begin the following week on October 24. Call the Short Course Office at 393-ESJC, ext. 266, or 1-800-874-3399 for details.

RECREATIONAL WEIGHT TRAINING AT ESJC

Enterprise State Junior College is offering area residents the opportunity to establish a personal workout program under qualified supervision. "Recreational Weight Training" will meet from 7 - 9 p.m. Monday - Thursday beginning September 16. Call the Short Course Office for more information or to register for this class - 393-ESJC, ext. 266, or 1-800-874-3399.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Five sessions of English As A Second Language are scheduled to be taught this fall at Enterprise State Junior College. The classes are for intermediate and advanced instruction in English for non-native speakers. Content includes speaking, listening, reading, and writing. No fees are charged for the classes. For more information, call the Short Course Office at 393-ESJC, ext. 266, or 1-800-874-3399.

WREATH MAKING AT ESJC

Learn to make wreaths for all occasions in a Wreath Making short course at Enterprise State Junior College fall quarter. No experience is necessary. Using natural materials from the local area will be emphasized in the course. Classes meet on Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. beginning October 1, and interested persons are urged to enroll by the September 24 registration deadline. Fee for the course is \$25. Call 393-ESJC or 1-800-874-3399 for more information.

REAL ESTATE COURSES AT ESJC

Enterprise State Junior College will offer two real estate courses this fall. Fundamentals of Real Estate is the prelicense course for applicants for an Alabama Real Estate License. The course provides an introduction

to basic functions of the real estate agent. It also teaches information useful to investors. This course will meet from 5:45 - 7:50 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday.

Real Estate Financing will introduce students to the various methods of financing real estate purchases. Topics include: information on conventional, FHA and VA financing. This course is set to meet from 7:55 - 10:00 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday evenings fall quarter.

Both courses are approved by the Alabama Real Estate Commission for continuing education or credit toward a broker's license. Registration is in progress and classes beginning September 9. Call 393-ESJC, ext. 266, or 1-800-874-3399 to receive complete registration information.

MUSIC WORKSHOP AT ESJC

During the fall and winter quarters, Enterprise State Junior College will offer a series of special music workshops. These workshops will deal with the composition, playing, and publishing of music using electronic synthesizers, sequencers, modules, drum machines, mixers, patch bays, and computers. The workshops will introduce musicians and interested persons to state-of-the-art music equipment and its many uses.

The music industry today has a great dependence upon music synthesizers and related instruments such as drum machines, sequencers, samplers and sound modules; as well as computers," says Dr. Richard Snyder, chairperson of the Fine Arts Department. The industry's vision in the early 1980's created a device, known as MIDI (Musical Instrument Digital Interface) which allows electronic instruments to "talk" to one another and to computers. ESJC's new MIDI Lab houses a wide variety of these instruments. More and more people are using them professionally and in the home. That's where the workshops come in."

The workshop series will introduce students to MIDI and music synthesis. Students will learn how to use the MIDI Lab and how to write, play, print music with MIDI. Interested persons may register for the entire workshop series for individual topics. Each topic will be treated in two sessions lasting four hours each and will be conducted from 8:00 a.



GREEN THUMB AND ALL...Bill Crawford beams with pride as he shows off his potato in a jar. The potato vine rambles all along a divider in the showroom of The Southeast Alabama Gas District's office in Elba. Also, a lone tomato plant is growing just outside the rear door right up out of the asphalt but the picture of it didn't turn out. You'll have to take the word of this reporter - it is really there!

m. noon on Fridays in Room 116 of the Fine Arts Building. Students earn one hour of college credit for each individual workshop or five hours of college credit for the entire series.

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READY OR NOT...ELBA TIGERS TO OPEN SEASON FRIDAY

The high school football season is here and Friday night the Elba Tigers will unveil the 1991 edition when they host the Daleville Warhawks in what both teams agree is a real tough opener.

The Tigers left the Warhawks last season on a last-second touchdown in Daleville, and Daleville went on to a perfect 10-0 regular season, while the year before Elba outscored the Warhawks 33-19 and the Tigers went on to win the state championship. I guess you could say that this game is important to both teams and really sets the stage for outstanding seasons.

SPORTS

Against 4A power Daleville Warhawks

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***KINSTON hasn't won a game in quite some time and needs badly to at least play well in its opener at Straughn. The Bulldogs have to be wondering what's going to happen after going 0-10 last season and another blowout loss could spell disaster, while a win or a close game could light a fire under the Bulldogs. This is the biggest one in a while for Kinston!

***ZION CHAPEL posted a winning season last year and made it to the state playoffs, but lost its first and last games of the season to Arton, and left many wondering just how good the Rebels really were. The Rebels have more talent than any 2C team in years and can be a solid club, but needs a win badly to get off on the right step!

SANDERS MAKES MOST OF CHANCE IN FSU WIN

If you were like me, I kept wondering in the first half if something was wrong with Elba's Troy Sanders, a starter last year with the Florida State Seminoles. I later found out that Sanders is considered more of a stopper against the run, and isn't used a lot against a passing team, but I was glad to see #62 hit the field and play well when he was in. Sanders sacked Heisman Trophy winner Ty Detmer for a big loss in the third quarter and also deflected a pass. Sanders may not play every minute on defense; however, he showed once again that when he's in, he is a factor playing big time college football.

ATLANTA MOVE TO FIRST AN EVENT FOR ALL FANS

Even my wife got a little excited last week when the Atlanta Braves moved into first place in the National League's west division, and she doesn't even like baseball. So, the Braves really have awakened baseball fans across the south!

I've been a Braves fan for years, even though I'll admit that I always went to see the other teams when we'd go to Atlanta, and I'm thrilled that the Braves are fighting for a pennant. I'm not the only one, obviously, because when I went in years past there would never be over 5,000 fans at the game and we could sit anywhere we wanted. This year it is almost impossible to get a good seat and I'm checking the schedule to pick out a good date to see the Braves, not their opponents.

POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR PICKS THE PREPS

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator came in the office Monday fussing about having to do some work on Labor Day, but did stop fussing long enough to admit that he was excited about the start of the high school football season and to predict that it would be "quite a year." He made sure that everyone knew how hard it was to predict games for the opening week and then left his fearless forecast and here it is...

ELBA VS. DALEVILLE

The Tigers and Warhawks are both down in numbers, but as talented as ever and this should be some kind of opener. Elba will have to be successful putting the ball in the air to win, but they have a quarterback that can air it out, and if he's hot the Tigers could out some points on the board. Daleville is, on top of the hot after last year's 11-1 season and is convinced that Elba is no longer one of the tougher teams on its schedule. It may find out different!

ELBA 22 DALEVILLE 15

NEW BROCKTON VS. BEULAH

The Gamecocks played the Bobcats for the first time ever last year and got whipped, so, this year the Gamecocks should know just who the Bobcats are and what they can do. Beulah has more speed than New Brockton and it could be the difference; however, if the Gamecocks can stop the big play, a win should come.

NEW BROCKTON 20 BEULAH 14

KINSTON VS. STRAUGHN

The Bulldogs looked their best last year during an 0-10 season and must regain their confidence in a hurry. Straughn was one of the top teams last year and are supposed to be good again, which could spell problems for the still rebuilding Bulldogs. The streak will continue!

STRAUGHN 27 KINSTON 6

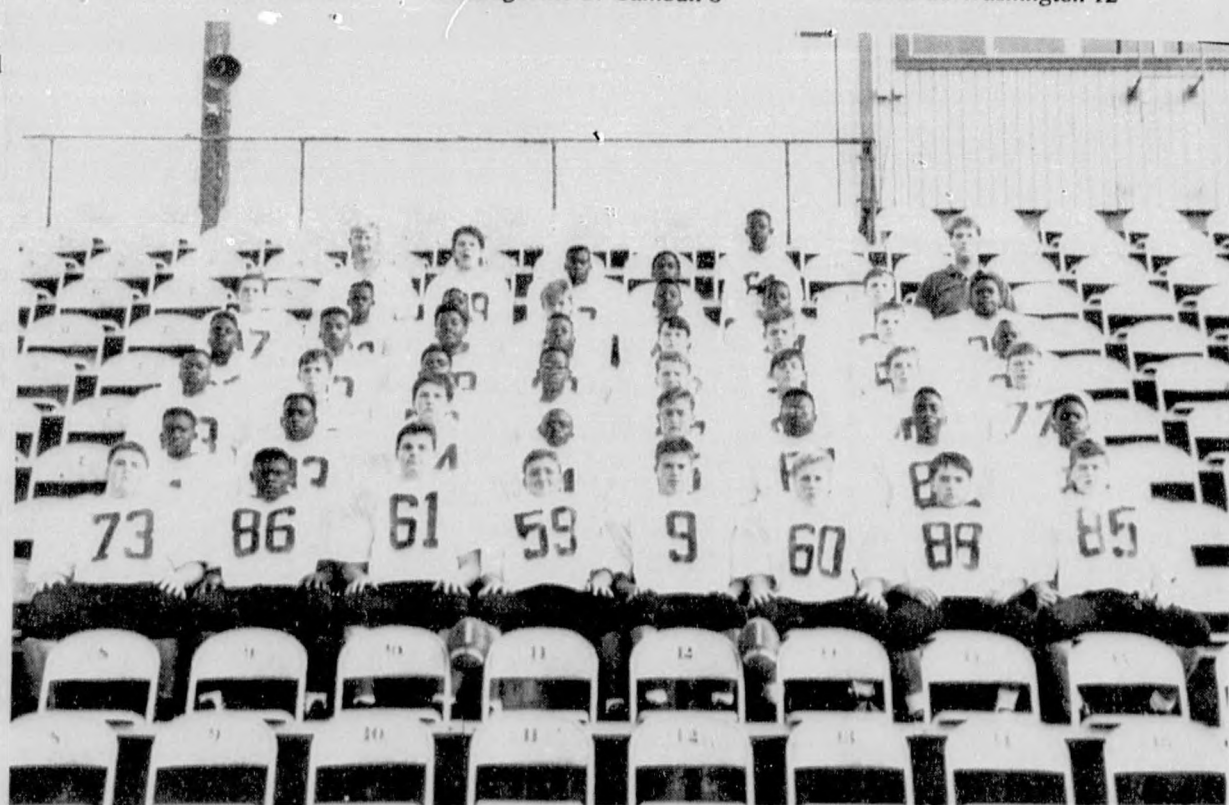
ZION CHAPEL VS. ARITON

Two losses to Arion marred the Rebels schedule a year ago and the Rebels are looking for revenge. A homefield advantage can work wonders, especially in high school, but only when the game is a toss up. The Rebels will win some games, but not this week!

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OTHER PICKS:

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Oct. 10 Troy (7th & 8th) Home
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Oct. 22 Daleville (7th-8th) Away
Oct. 24 Geneva Home

Junior Tigers open tonight

The Elba Junior High Tigers will open their season tonight (Thursday) against the Luverne Junior Tigers, at 7:00 p.m., in Elba, and Coach Mike Harrelson expects a tough opener for his squad.

"We play Andalusia, Opp and both Enterprise schools," said Harrelson, "but year in and year out Luverne is the toughest team we play. Luverne always has big kids in the line and outstanding running backs, and we know we'll have our hands full."

"We had a good spring practice

and came into fall drills with high hopes," stated Harrelson, "but after three weeks of work, I really don't know what to expect. The kids have worked hard and we've worked hard, but last week the practices seemed lacking something and I don't know what it was. We don't have a lot of enthusiasm and unless something happens this week, we aren't a real close bunch. We have to play well and play as a team to beat anybody, so, maybe we'll come together and play well. If we don't, it will be a long night."

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1991 Elba Tigers looking to return to top of state 3A grid standings

The Elba Tigers may have had the best team in the state of Alabama that didn't win a state championship a year ago.

The Tigers won seven straight games late in the season, including 19-0 and 35-0 wins in the opening round of the 3A playoffs. But they were hit with key injuries, illness and just plain old bad luck at the wrong time and were eliminated by eventual state champ Dallas County 12-0 in the third round of the post-season party.

Elba could be a state championship contender again in 1991 under veteran coach Mack Wood, but to do so the Tigers will have to overcome a brutal schedule and stay away from the injury bug that bit so hard last season.

The schedule always reads like one for a 4A or 5A team and this year includes an opener against 4A Daleville, a team that posted an 11-1 record in '90 and is loaded for bear again, as well as 4A power Pike County and 5A squads Opp, Andalusia and Monroe County. Throw in area rivals Rehobeth, expected to challenge for the area title, and Louisville, always a fierce competitor, and its easy to see that the schedule includes no weak sisters.

If Coach Wood, in his 15th year at the Elba helm, has a major problem, it appears to be a lack of depth in the offensive and defensive lines.

The lone returnee among the offensive linemen is Tommy Young, a 185-pound, senior, that spent much of last season trying to shake a nagging leg injury. Stepping in up front for the Tigers is perhaps the biggest group of linemen in many years, and a group that has little experience and even less depth. Lance McCollough

Zion Chapel has small squad, but big plans for 1991 season

The Rebels are back. Sounds like an echo, doesn't it? That was the word on the Zion Chapel campus last year. It almost came true when the Rebels posted six wins during a successful regular season and almost knocked off arch-rival New Brockton. A loss in the first round of the playoffs to Arion made many fans forget those words and the wins. However, you'll just have to take it on faith at Zion Chapel that there is too much talent for the Rebels not to contend for the area championship and another trip to the playoffs.

It's true that considerable talent has departed, but there's plenty left, especially on offense. With the return of All-State performer Tracey Woods and four other members of the All-SEAC team from a year ago, the Rebels appear on the verge of doing big things. Only time will tell.

Another weapon on offense will be Jeremy Law, a true all-around athlete that played five positions a year ago as a junior. This season Law (175) will handle the quarterbacking chores, a job he handled on a parttime basis last season.

The strength of the Rebel squad this season is expected to be the defense, and with seven starters back from a year ago, its not hard to see why.

Up front, the Rebels will be anchored by the trio of Jason Senn (210), Donnie Parker (165), Toby Wambles (175) and Eric Cole (215), all at linebacker. Mark Hodges (180) and Woods (205) will provide the Rebels with an awesome 1-2 punch.

Law is a proven defensive player at several positions and will likely be one of the area's top defensive backs this season, and will be joined by fellow-returnee Dymoris Smith (170). While the talent level and number

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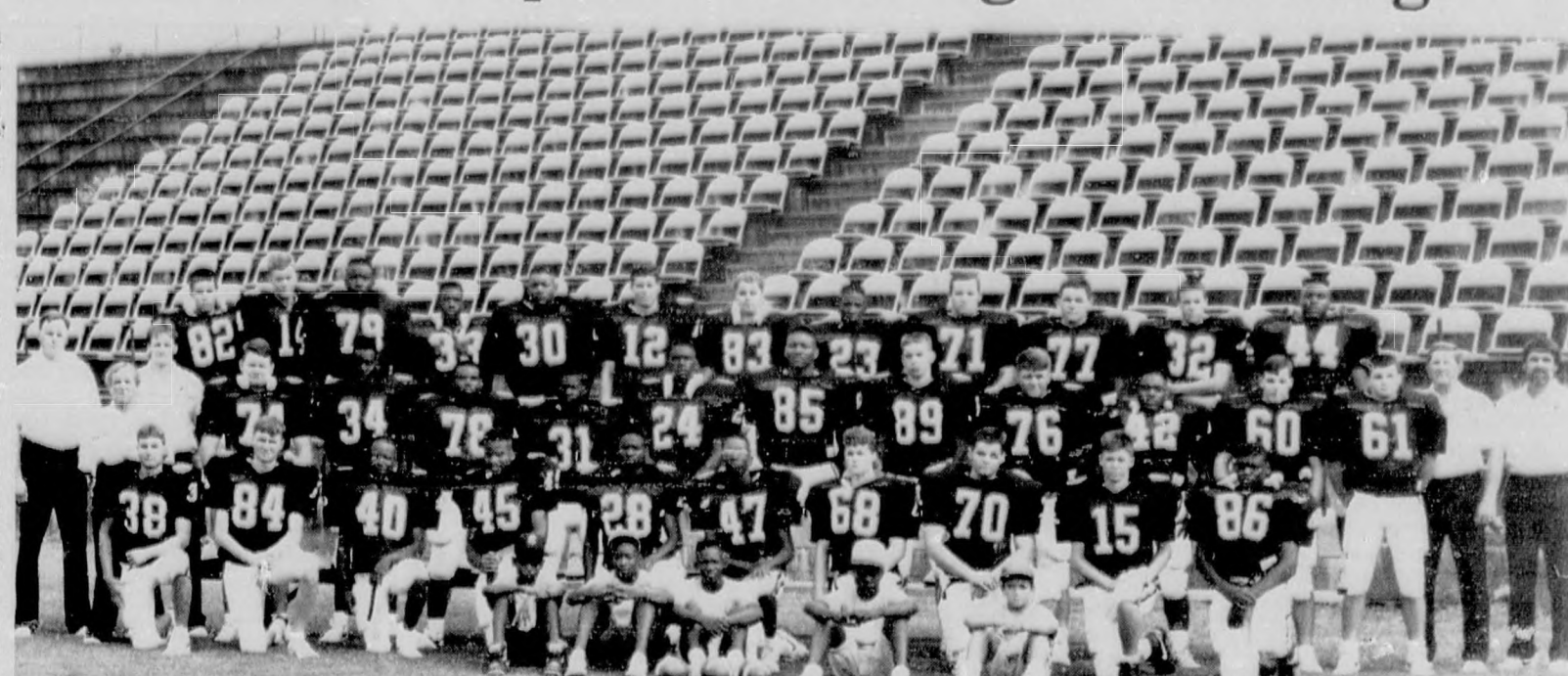
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Kirkland passed only 11 times in 90, hitting 4 for 69 yards and 1 touchdown and rushed only 4 times for a net gain of 2 yards. However, Kirkland has the size at 6-3 and 180 pounds and has a strong arm, a weapon the Tigers plan to use often.

When a look at the stats reveal that returning receivers caught a total of 3 passes for 27 yards in a ago, some may question just who he does go airborne. Tyson, a sure-handed receiver, was moved to flanker for just that purpose and Kirkland will take center stage in the hands and size to catch the ball in traffic. Sophomore Josh Caldwell (160) was a standout in the spring at split-end and has the ability to go deep, and also catch the ball in a

crowd, and Kenya Adkins (148) also showed promise in the spring and fall drills.

If the Elba offensive unit lives up to its potential and stays healthy, the Tigers could light up the scoreboard and lead the way to a bunch of wins.

Over on the defensive ledger, the Tigers should be solid in the secondary, but as on offense, must rebuild a line.

Tackle Gary Gilbert (220), who missed the playoffs with a severe knee injury, is expected to return to his position and should be near 100 percent by early in the season, while the only other returnee will be Bryce Phillips (195), who saw action last season at both noseguard and tackle. Gilbert made 24 tackles and recovered 2 fumbles in six games before going down with the knee injury, while Phillips made 28 tackles and also recovered 2 fumbles in action as a sophomore.

Filling in the holes in the defensive line will be either Tommy Young or Julius Peterson at the other tackle slot, Jamie Brockton helping out at noseguard and Hunter Hudson (175) and transfer Aaron Smith (205) at ends. Also expected to help at end will be Scotty Dawson and Chris Clark (175).

The Tigers' linebackers combined for almost 250 tackles a year ago, but unfortunately both graduated, leaving their shoes to two young, but quality performers in Brian Reedy (195) and Phillip Compton (168). Reedy packs a wallop and is one of the strongest players on the team, while Compton plays with reckless abandon and walks on the field looking for folks to hit.

A good pass defense is hard to find at the high school level; however, at Elba this season the secondary appears to be solid, with three returning starters. The returning vets are Marcus Tyson (CB), Anthony Brachars (CB) and Greg Thiigpen (FS), all three of which had big seasons a year ago. Others expected to see action include Teddy Burks, Richard Kyles and Josh Caldwell.

Joel Kirkland handled the punting chores for the Tigers throughout the '90 campaign and averaged 35 yards per punt on 39 booms and shoddy kicks. Caldwell is expected to handle the placekicking job.

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Round And About With Eria

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Is there anything where it may be said, see, this is new? It had been already of old time, which was before us.

There is no remembrance of former things. Whether shall there be any remembrance of things that are to come with those that shall come after.

The Preacher was king over Israel in Jerusalem.

I have given my heart to seek and search out by wisdom concerning all things that are done under heaven; that the sons of man to be exercised therewith.

I have seen all the works that are done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and vexation of spirit.

That which is crooked cannot be made straight; and that which is wanting cannot be numbered.

Ecclesiastes 1:10-15

THINKING OF YOU, PRAYING FOR YOU

The Hammonds Family
Mrs. Eva Miller
Mrs. Virginia McGowan
Mr. Ed. Earl Marshall
Mrs. Catherine Waters & Family

BENEFIT PROGRAM
Benefit program for Marcella Cole, New Zion Baptist Church, Reverend W. L. Peterson, pastor, Elba, AL. September 21, 1991, 6:00 p.m.

The Ninth Anniversary of Rev. A. R. Williams & Family, Pastor of the Rocky Head Missionary Baptist Church, Highway 125, Elba, AL. September 18-22, 1991.

The theme of the event is "A Servant of God" from Colossians 1:25-26.

The event will be marked with preaching, singing, readings and remarks from special speakers.

The speaker Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. will be Rev. M. Powell, pastor, Mt. Carmel M. B. C., Brundidge and Springfield M. B. C., New Brockton.

Thursday the speaker for the 7:30 services will be Rev. C. Faezin, pastor of Mt. Chapel M. B. C., Andalusia.

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SHIRLEY BELCHER
Mrs. Shirley Belcher recently presented a talk on prayer which was received here.

Mrs. Belcher, a graduate of Elba High School, and married to Danny Belcher for 21 years, is the mother of two sons.

She is a member of the Elba City Board of Education, Secretary and Sunday School teacher at Triumph Church of Kingdom of God in Christ.

Believing that our future will depend on opportunities for our youth she has organized a youth club named "Youth In Effect". The purpose is to be an efficient link in the chain for the betterment of the community for youth today and tomorrow.

The club has had a Valentine dance, dance contests, basketball tournaments and a cook-out. The funds from the activities have been spent on musical equipment for the youth.

"Our Future"

Prayer Is the Key to Our A B C's of Life

MATTHEW 21:22 says, "and all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive."

If there was one thing I could give every person, it would be the courage to step into tomorrow. It doesn't matter how young or how old we are, if we want our life to thrive, we must pray for the courage to step into tomorrow.

In difficult times, we often lose the ability to pray to be able to face the future optimistically. We begin to think about our tomorrows negatively. We forget that the toughest times will pass. We concentrate on the problems of today rather than the opportunities of tomorrow. In doing this, we not only lose the potential of today, we also throw away the beauty of tomorrow. That's the real tragedy of everything that happens to us, but with prayer and God's help, we can control how we react.

L. Laugh keep a sense of humor and be able to laugh at yourself. When we laugh, we can love and then we can bring joy to our life as well as to other lives.

M. Make it happen, prayer, positive thinking are labels for dynamic mental management in making dreams come true.

N. Negotiate, compromise, you can always have things your own way. Be willing to start small and add to your plans as you grow.

O. Obey, Overlook and Overcome. If we can make it to O, we should make it to the end. We can't get very far without a team, you can't get very far without help, that means that you have to work with people. We all know that people aren't perfect, people will let you down, people will make mistakes but with God's help and GOD on your team, you will be able to obey, overlook and overcome other's imperfections as well as your own.

P. Pray, don't give up. Tough times never last, but tough people do.

Q. Quiet, complaining because life isn't as nice as you want it, look at what you have, never at what you lost. Quiet remembering all the negative and haunting memories. Shut the door on yesterday and throw away the key, think on tomorrow.

R. Reorganize, whether you've failed or succeeded in life, chances are there are parts of our life that still need to be reorganized.

S. Share. God can do tremendous things through people who don't care.

Together we can create the ABC's of life.

To succeed in life, we have to get started and never quit. These are the only two hurdles we need to clear the way to become the person God wants us to be.

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Soil Samples Best Taken In Fall

Dan Presley - County Agent Coordinator

SOIL SAMPLE IN THE FALL

Fall is the best time to take soil samples. Why? Because the weather is nice, we aren't burdened with excessive rains and wet soil, and we have plenty of time to apply lime and get the garden in good shape before the rush of next spring's planting.

Soil testing laboratories aren't rushed in the fall either. They can get your results back in plenty of time to make plans for the next season.

Lime should be applied whenever it's needed to neutralize an extremely acid soil. But most lime requires several weeks to several months to totally react with the soil's acidity. Testing in the fall gives you plenty of time to apply the recommended lime, mix it with the soil, and let it react before you plant.

You can get soil testing supplies at your county agent's office in New Brockton or your agribusiness dealers.

COMPOSTING BASICS

About 20 percent of the 2.6 million tons of solid waste produced annually in Alabama is composed of lawn and garden wastes such as grass clippings, shrubbery trimmings, leaves, tree prunings, garden plant debris, and kitchen waste. That is a lot of junk contributing to the swelling of our landfills beyond capacity. Some landfills have even been forced to close. The scope of the waste disposal problem could be significantly reduced through composting. Home composting is an environmentally sound method for waste disposal.

Much of your home, yard, and garden waste can be eliminated by composting. Composting in the backyard may sound like a disgusting and foul-smelling process, but with a few simple steps and a little care a compost pile can be non-offensive.

Composting can be done in bins made of wire, wood, concrete block, or simply in a pile. Many garden suppliers market various composting units.

In some ways, composting is like gardening except instead of managing factors promoting plant growth, the gardener is controlling the factors influencing microbial breakdown of plant matter. For the most efficient composting, the microorganisms doing the work need the right balance of air, water, carbon, nitrogen, and temperature.

AIR—The compost pile must either be built to allow air to diffuse into the center of the pile or it must be turned over periodically (once every 3 to 4 weeks). Lack of oxygen in the compost pile can result in offensive odors.

WATER—Microorganisms need water to survive and function. If the compost is moist but not dripping wet if squeezed, the moisture content is about right.

RATIO OF CARBON TO NITROGEN—Grass clippings have a greater amount of nitrogen than wood chips, which are high in carbon. Increase nitrogen and decomposition speeds up, but oxygen is also used up more quickly and the pile must be turned more often.

If more woody wastes are added, decomposition slows down because of slowed microbial growth and oxygen is depleted less slowly, so the compost pile will have to be turned less often.

TEMPERATURE—As microorganisms decompose plant material, temperatures rise. At temperatures above about 140 degrees, the microorganisms begin to die. Turning the pile will help ensure a greater population of these decomposers.

Try composting your leaves this fall. Build a compost pile (in a homemade bin or free-standing pile) by placing a few branches or twigs first, then adding a six- or eight-inch layer of leaves. On top of the leaves scatter one cup of 13-13-13 or similar analysis fertilizer. Then add a two- or three-inch soil layer to supply some of the microorganisms needed to begin decomposition.

Repeat this sequence of layers leaving out the coarser materials. They are only needed to allow some air circulation in the bottom of the pile.

Turn the compost every three or four weeks and add water if the pile gets too dry. Compost may be ready in as little as six weeks depending on how it is managed. Finished compost will look uniform, almost like potting soil. The compost you make over the winter can then be added to your garden to improve soil structure and aeration.

Conquering Clutter

Angela Hughes - County Agent

CONQUERING CLUTTER, FASTER, EASIER CLEANING

A house that's full of clutter won't look clean even if all is spotless underneath. And even the most routine housekeeping chores will take longer if everything is in disorder. Here are some tips for conquering clutter.

Take advantage of the hidden spaces in the home. Utilize under the bed areas with boxes or storage drawers. For easy access, choose ones on casters. Don't forget the back of the closet doors. They're perfect for shoe bags or wire grid systems with hooks for hanging small items like belts.

Stack newspapers and other recyclable papers so they're easy to move. Tie two eight-foot lengths of twine together at their centers. Then, place the knotted twine at the center of a large plastic container that's slightly larger than the folded newspapers. Drape the ends of the twine over the top of the container. Daily, deposit newspapers into the bin. Once the container is full, it's easy to tie the bundle and remove it in one neat stack.

Routine cleaning will be easier if basic cleaning supplies are available on each floor, including the basement. Keep the supplies together in a portable container; several types are specially sized to hold cleaning supplies. Having specific cleaners available for special cleaning jobs (glass, wood, brass, metal, etc.), will eliminate a special trip to the store and allow cleaning to be done right "on the spot."

Pewter and silver ashtrays will be easier to clean if sprayed or wiped first with furniture polish.

CLEANING CAST IRON

Cast iron has been used for making cookware for centuries and continues to be popular. The reason is that the metal is ideal for broiling, frying, stewing and baking foods.

Cast iron cookware requires hand-drying that differs from that used for other materials. It is generally pre-seasoned, and to avoid removing the seasoning, do not soak for a prolonged time, and do not wash in an automatic dishwasher. Instead, wash by hand in hot sudsy water; rinse and dry. Dry pans briefly over heat on the range to prevent rusting from moisture.

Sometimes, seasoning may be necessary. Coat the pan with unsalted fat or cooking oil. Heat the pan in a warm oven (250 degrees Fahrenheit) for several hours. Wipe away excess oil upon removing the pan from the oven.

Farmer's Co-Op Market Report

Reported by Alabama & U.S. Dept. of Agriculture

Ronnie Vaughan 897-6053

August 28, 1991

ELBA MARKET

Salable Receipts (Est.)	Cattle & Calves	Hogs
Week Ago (Actual)	64	433
Year Ago (Actual)	106	412
	80	433

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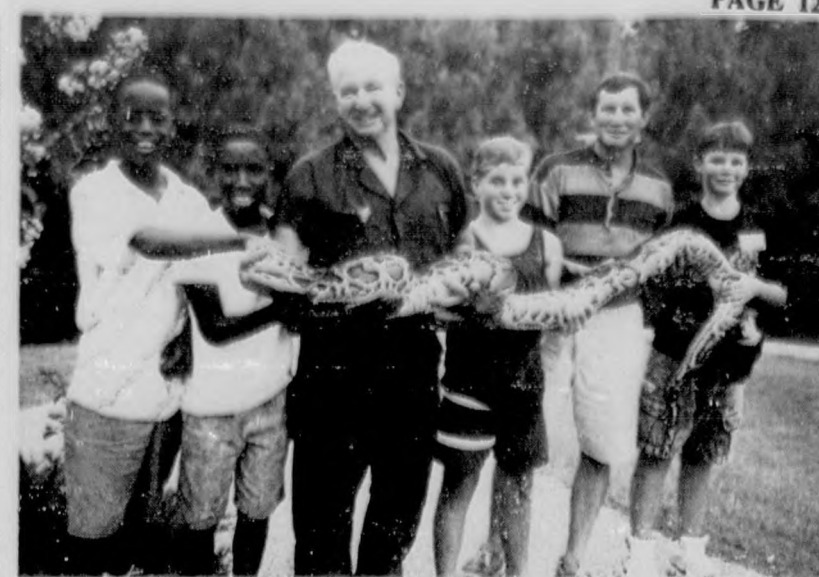
OPP MARKET

Salable Receipts (Est.)	Cattle & Calves	Hogs
Week Ago (Actual)	656	21
Year Ago (Actual)	749	46
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BREAKDOWN

HOGS: Compared to week ago: 104.00-114.00; 400-450lbs, 97.00-105.00; 450-500lbs, 90.00-96.50; 500-600lbs, 84.00-92.00; 600-700lbs, 76.75-83.00; Small 1, 300-400lbs, 85.00-97.00; 400-500lbs, 77.50-88.00; 35-50lb, 70.00-78.00-84.00; Med & Lge 2, 300-400lbs, 105.00-118.00; 400-500lbs, 90.00-97.00; 500-600lbs, 80.00-85.00; 600-700lbs, 72.00-75.00; Heifers: Med & Lge 1, 250-300lbs, 100.00-110.00; 300-350lbs, 95.00-109.00; 350-400lbs, 87.50-95.00; 400-450lbs, 84.00-90.50; 450-500lbs, 82.00-87.00; 500-600lbs, 77.00-82.50; 600-700lbs, 74.00-80.00; Med & Lge 2, 400-500lbs, 80.00-86.00; 500-600lbs, 71.00-80.00; Cows (Replacement and/or feeders): Med 1-2, 900/1000lbs 3-7 yrs 50.50-66.00; Cow & Cal pair: Med 1-2, 900/1000lbs cows w/ calves under 200lbs 60.00-82.00; Bred cows: Med 1-2, 3-5 mos, 900-1100lbs under 7yrs, 623.00-704.00;

CATTLE & CALVES: Compared to week ago: Slaughter cows & bulls 2.00 lower; Feeder classes 3.00-4.00 lower; Replacement cows 1.00 lower; Slaughter classes: cows: Bon Uty 1-3, 47.75-54.00; cut 1-3, 44.00-47.00; bulls: Yg 1-2, 1000-1500lbs 58.00-64.00; Feeder classes: Steers: Med & Lge 1, 250-300lbs, 130.00-140.00; 300-350lbs, 120.00-133.00; 350-400lbs,



Coffee County youth attend 4 - H Natural Resource Conference. From left to right are Reuben Moguel and Cornelius Burrows from New Brockton, Volunteer Leader Gerald Hartley, Kevin Hobbs of Elba, Richard Petcher, Assistant County Agent, and Courtney Campbell of New Brockton. These youth enjoyed three days in the woods learning about our country's natural resources. Gerald Hartley of New Brockton presented and outstanding two-hour program on bluebird conservation and helped 120 youth to construct bluebird houses. This conference is sponsored by Kimberly - Clark Timber Company and Auburn University.

Coffee County Heifer And Steer Show Proves To Be Big Success

Stan Windham - Associate County Agent

Each August Coffee County hosts one of the largest open shows for beef cattle in the Tri-State area. In fact, there is only one show of its type that is any larger than this one. To put this show on, there is a huge amount of people who support it, help and work with it to make it a success.

The entire county works together along with the Chambers of Commerce to make the show a success. The Coffee County Cattlemen's Association, Coffee County Farmers Federation, and the Coffee County Cattlewomen all work together as some of the primary workers and money sponsors for the show. Along with these we have many, many families and businesses that put prize money up for these young people.

The Angus Heifer Show is sponsored each year by Chick Griffin and Bob Helms. The Limousin Heifer Show is sponsored by Walden Limousin Farm, Tommy Barley Limousin Farm, and Triple C Farms. The Charolais and Simmental Show is sponsored by Dixie Ag Supply in Kinston, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Parker, Brooks Peanut Company, Booth Vet Clinic, Opp Co-op, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Reynolds, Bryson Implement Company of Samson, and Colquett Oil Company. The Commercial Cattle, Brahman Cattle, and Polled Hereford Cattle are all sponsored by Goodson Discount Tire Center, LaVella's Barber Shop, Deb's Restaurant, Meadowlawn Memorial Park, Fine's Farm and Garden Center, Garth Lindsey, Richard McLeod, and Fred Clark.

The Champion Heifer Award is sponsored by Asher Charolais Farm and Dennis Charolais Farm. The Highest Placing Coffee County Heifer Award is sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Larkins of Elba. The Steer Show is sponsored each year by Mr. and Mrs. Max Boxch day for aside each day for studying. The hardest tasks should be done first. A study plan should be made by breaking work into small sections. Short breaks should be taken frequently. Often the biggest study problem is procrastination. Students tend to wait until the night before a test to begin studying. When students "crash" they are unable to learn the material thoroughly. Also, students should determine how they learn best—seeing, hearing, or writing the material. Finally, when the study time is complete, a reward is in order.

The Showmanship Contest is sponsored by a wide variety of sponsors from all across the area. I want to list those so that you will know what kind of tremendous support we get for youth activities here in Coffee County. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Sanders, Marion Sanders, Ben McKee, William Stinson, Jr., J. C. Bowdoin, Richard Brown, Marion Brunson, Joe Ed Donaldson, The Farmers Livestock Co-op, Harvey Locklar, Carol Marler, Troy Owens, The Peoples Bank of Elba, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Harris, Thomas Casaday, Coffee County Farmers Co-op, First South Production Credit Association, Fine's Farm and Garden Center, Jimmy Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Milliner, C. V. Wallace, F. O. Adkins.

On September 9 at 7:00 p. m., Brenda Weekly will present a "Study Skills" seminar at the Elba Elementary Cafeteria. She will provide parents, teachers, and students with studying tips and techniques. Teachers, parents, and students are invited to attend.

Alzheimer's Update "91" To Be Held September 11th

Sandra T. Coffey, County Agent

People with Alzheimer's may experience confusion, have personality changes, and problems with speaking. Some can't remember what happened 10 minutes ago, although they can recall an event of 10 years past. Do you want to know more about Alzheimer's? Or, do you suspect someone is having it?

"Alzheimer's Update '91" will be held in the Community Room at the Farm Center in New Brockton on September 11 from 9:00 a. m. to 12:00 noon. Health professionals from UAB who specialize in family programs for Alzheimer's will present timely information. Many topics will range from how it's diagnosed to caring for those with Alzheimer's.

The goal for this meeting is to inform Coffee Countians about the dis-

ease and help caregivers better cope with their victims. This program is especially targeted for families who have been touched with Alzheimer's disease. It is hoped that medical professionals will encourage their patients and clientele to attend this Alzheimer's Update '91. Fourteen meetings across the state are being held. These programs are sponsored by SouthTrust Bank, UAB School of Public Health, AU Alabama Cooperative Extension Service, Cooperative Health Manpower Education Program/TAHEC/JVA, UAB Center on Aging, UAB Geriatric Education Center, Alabama Department of Public Health, and the Alabama Commission on Aging. For more information about this free program and pre-registration, contact the Coffee County Extension Office at 894-5596.

Velvetbean Caterpillars In Peanuts

Richard Petcher-Assistant County Agent

Being able to correctly identify the worms you have in your peanuts and knowing how to treat them can save you big bucks. The foliage feeding worms that we have had this summer have been the corn earworms, fall armyworms, loopers, and velvetbean caterpillars. The velvetbean caterpillar is the primary worm that we have out in our peanut fields at this time. It is especially easy to spray, is easy to kill and can be sprayed with either 3 oz. of ASANA or Sevin. This worm usually has an orange head and is green with stripes on it. The young stage of the velvetbean caterpillar inches along or loops when they move across plant foliage. As the caterpillar grows larger it loses its looping action. When you touch the larger caterpillars, they tend to jump all over.

Be sure that you correctly identify which worm you have before spraying as there is quite a bit of difference in the cost of the chemicals you need for different worms. I am seeing different levels of these worms in each field. In most peanut fields the level of worms is below the

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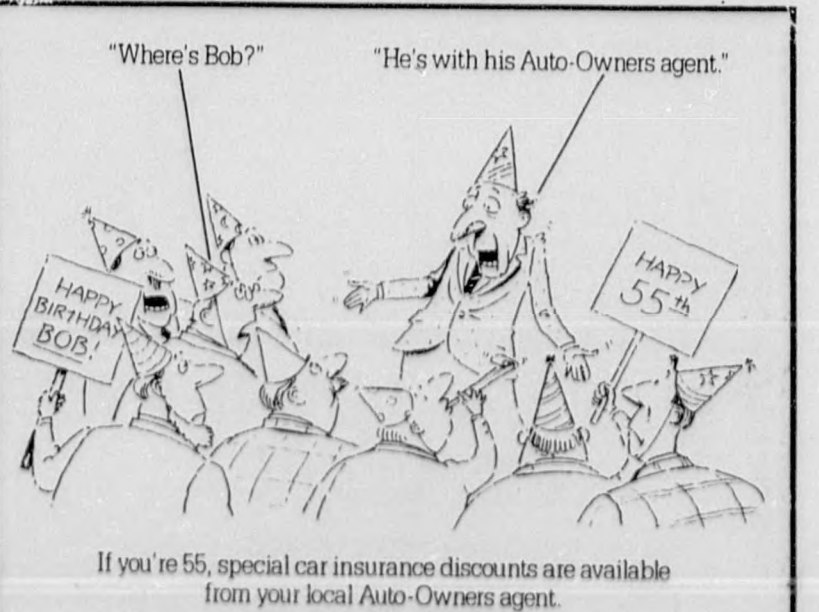
Perhaps you sent a lovely card, Or sat quietly in a chair; Perhaps you sent a floral piece, If so, we saw it there; Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, As any friend could say; Perhaps you were not there at all, Just thought of us that day; Whatever you did to console our hearts, We thank you so much, whatever the part.

The Family Of
Madie B. Green

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Dothan Area
Multiple Sclerosis To
Host Brad Bullard

The Dothan Area Multiple Sclerosis Society Self - Help Group will be hosting Brad Bullard, Licensed Counselor, as its guest speaker on Thursday, September 12th, at 7:00 p. m., at Denton Road United Methodist Church, 2400 Denton Road, Dothan, AL. Mr. Bullard will lead a discussion on "self - talk" and making positive changes. If you have MS or are a family member, friend, or caretaker of someone with MS, you are invited and encouraged to attend this meeting. For further information call 205-792-3364.



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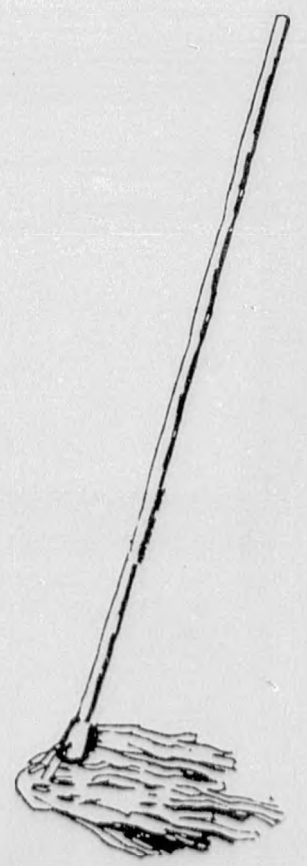


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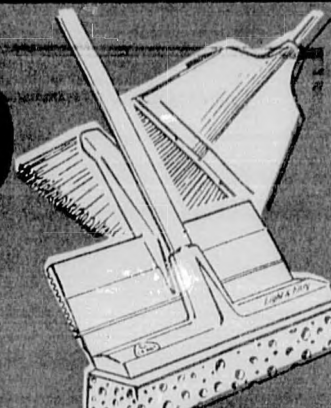
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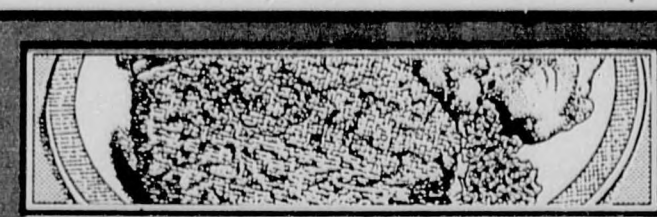
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Judge denies Ziglar a new trial

by Marvin McLWain
Editor

Not only did Circuit Judge John Crawley deny a motion by Owen Ziglar's attorneys for a new trial, but he also denied motions for acquittal and to set aside the sentence hearing. Also, the motion for Judge Ziglar to recuse himself was denied. An earlier subpoena issued by the defense for Judge Crawley to testify in the recusal hearing was withdrawn. The defense attorneys withdrew it with objection stating that they still felt that the judge's testimony, in this case, was appropriate. In an earlier hearing several days ago, the judge denied the state's motion to have Ziglar's indigent status revoked. Ziglar, age 55, was convicted in June of the lesser offense of manslaughter for the shotgun slaying of Edward Lamar Kelley, 56, of Elba. The original charge and grand jury indictment was for murder. The shooting occurred on the night of January 30, 1990. During the Friday morning hearing which lasted for more than three hours, Ziglar's court appointed attorneys Stafford Pittman and Rodger Brannum argued that one of the state's key witnesses, Donna Ziglar, was at the time of the trial and still is married to Owen Ziglar. Their contention was that Donna Ziglar was wrongfully coerced into testifying against her husband, Owen. Pittman stated that during the trial, Mrs. Ziglar told the court that he had rather not testify for or against Owen Ziglar. The state contended that there was a judgment for divorce signed by former Circuit Judge Riley Green for the 12th Judicial District, argued that no testimony was given by Mrs. Ziglar as to private conversations between her and Ziglar. Questions during her testimony pertaining to that subject were purposeful and carefully excluded. Another contention by defense attorneys was that evidence, a shotgun, clothing and notes written by Ziglar, was acquired in a questionable manner by law enforcement officials on the night of the shooting. Coffee County Sheriff Brice Paul was called to the stand by the defense to testify that a circuit judge, Terry Butts, was readily available at the scene of the shooting and that a proper search warrant could have been obtained. Smith noted that all the evidence was collected by law officers with the consent of Owen Ziglar; therefore, no search warrant was necessary. Pittman also made note that during the trial, only circumstantial evidence was offered to the jury by the state's attorneys. He contended that

Judge Butts' former secretary arrested on charges of forgery

by Marvin McLWain
Editor

In a late evening news conference Monday, Joel M. Folmar, District Attorney for the 12th Judicial Circuit, made the announcement that Circuit Judge Terry L. Butts' former secretary had been arrested. Folmar was joined by Chief Investigator for the District Attorney's Office, Bruce Devane. Ann Sanford Osburn, 44, of 1149 Oak Avenue, Elba, Alabama, was arrested and charged with 74 offenses of forgery, second degree and two offenses of unlawful use of a credit card. According to Folmar, the charges stemmed from warrants preferred by Judge Butts and his wife, Suzanne C. Butts. Osburn was employed as a secretary for Judge Butts. She was terminated from that position on Friday, September 6, 1991. Monies allegedly taken in the incident were personal and private funds belonging to Judge and Mrs. Butts. There is no indication, and none is expected, that any county, state or public monies are involved. The amounts on the checks involved in the incident ranged from \$109.61 to \$3,063.00. More than \$34,000.00 is the amount of monies involved in the alleged forgery scheme. An undisclosed amount of money was involved in the unlawful use of credit cards. More than forty checks total from Coffee and Pike Counties which were supplemented checks and expense checks from the State of Alabama were allegedly endorsed with Butts' signature and cashed by Osburn. Reportedly, the offenses were committed over a 21 month period of time. Osburn was released on a total of \$76,000 bond set by the District Court of Coffee County. She is scheduled to appear before the District court on Friday, September 10, 1991, for her initial appearance. The case is being investigated by the District Attorney's Office and the Alabama Bureau of Investigation and is continuing.

INCREASE PROJECTED TO GENERATE \$235,000 ANNUALLY City council ups fees on garbage & sewage

by Ferrin Cox
Publisher

The Elba City Council took action Monday evening to cover projected revenue shortfalls by increasing garbage fees as well as sewage fees. Council members Randy Bodsole and Gladys Yelverton were absent from the meeting. The council voted for the increased fees to be effective on October 1st. However, until an ordinance is prepared and published, all fees must remain the same. The action was taken after the council had been informed that the Elba Water & Electric Board system upgrade was going to take funds usually transferred to the city and used as operating funds. Prior to the flood the utility was transferring an average of \$16,666 per month. Most of this will be needed to repay the water system upgrade bond issue. A committee of Council members Bill Brunson and John W. Sharpless met with administration employees and researched several ways to raise revenue. Their garbage and sewer fee increase are designed to raise the needed revenue and put both departments in a position of "paying its own way."

The garbage fees will increase an average of 50% on both residential and commercial accounts. Residential accounts now paying \$6.00 will pay about \$9.00, according to Brunson. The sewage increase will be on a sliding scale, based on the water charge. The basic sewage fee will be \$6.00 for residential users, up from \$4.90. An additional charge of 80¢ per 1,000 gallons of water will be added for amounts over the basic 3,000 gallons. The increased sewage fees are expected to generate an additional \$135,000 annually. Council members were told by Councilman Brunson that a positive side in the water system upgrading would be the possibly ISO rating upgrading of the fire protection potential and thus a considerable (6 to 8%) savings on fire insurance rates. Brunson

Commercial accounts will increase about the same percent, but will be based strictly on volume of usage. This will cause some commercial and industrial accounts to experience a higher percentage increase. Overall the garbage fees are projected to increase by \$100,000 for the next year. This will cover the present shortfall and is expected to cover an increase in the garbage pick-up contract and in the landfill tipping fees. The sewage increase will be on a sliding scale, based on the water charge. The basic sewage fee will be \$6.00 for residential users, up from \$4.90. An additional charge of 80¢ per 1,000 gallons of water will be added for amounts over the basic 3,000 gallons. The increased sewage fees are expected to generate an additional \$135,000 annually. Council members were told by Councilman Brunson that a positive side in the water system upgrading would be the possibly ISO rating upgrading of the fire protection potential and thus a considerable (6 to 8%) savings on fire insurance rates. Brunson

DynCorp lays off 50 more workers

by Marvin McLWain
Editor

On Wednesday, September 4, DynCorp, Fort Rucker Division, announced an additional layoff of 50 personnel. This brings the total number currently laid off by the aircraft maintenance contractor to 125. Of the 50 employees laid off, 29 were mechanics. Company officials stated the reason for the lay off as being due to a decrease in flight training from prior year levels thus reducing the requirements for aircraft maintenance support. DynCorp currently employs 2,020 individuals in the Fort Rucker Division of the company. Officials further stated that date and size of any future layoffs will be dependent on the Army's flight training program. During the past three years, flight training at the helicopter flight training facility has been reduced by nine percent. The layoff will become effective tomorrow, Friday, September 13, 1991.

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MAN (AND LADY) THE SHOVELS...Superintendent of Coffee County Schools, Clayton Bryant (third from left with shovel), is joined by board members and county officials as the ground is officially broke for the new central office building. Grover Jacobs (on Bryant's left) who is with the State of Alabama Department of Finance was on hand for the ceremony. Board Chairman Preston Kelly, Jr. is shown manning the last shovel on the right.

Coffee County School Board breaks ground for new central office in Elba

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Editor

The Coffee County Board of Education made the construction of a new administrative office official on Wednesday, September 4, when they held a ground breaking ceremony. Superintendent of Schools Clayton Bryant recognized County Commissioner Robert Stephens as being instrumental in securing the land upon which to construct the new facility. The new building is being constructed on a parcel of land located on Reddock Hill, just off U.S. Highway 84W, in Elba. Old timers will remember the site as being where the old "County Pot House" once stood. Superintendent, in his brief remarks, noted that the March '90 flood damaged the building which housed the administrative offices of the Coffee County Board of Education beyond repair. He stated that in a cooperative effort to provide adequate facilities for the superintendent of education and the administrative staff, the State of Alabama Legislature appropriated funds and the Coffee County Commission deeded the 4-3/4 acre site for the construction of a new central office. In addition to providing executive, general administrative, and financial offices, additional facilities are provided for teacher training and the storage and production of teaching materials and aids. The Teacher Resource Center will contain equipment that teachers may check out to be used in the classroom. Premade training aids and materials for producing special counts will be available to accommodate the entire teaching staff of all the schools in the county system. The meeting room for the school board will accommodate approximately 50 people for the regular meetings of the board. If on special occasions, a larger group is anticipated, the board meeting can be held in the Teacher Training Room. Adequate space will be provided for storage of records, books, paper, and other supplies. Space is also provided for a print shop, which will permit the system to print many of the documents that are presently having to be printed by others. The building will contain a two-bay garage for vans that will be used to deliver supplies and teaching aids. The total area of the building will be 17,240 square feet. A specific style of architecture was requested by the school board. Members of the board wanted the exterior design to be reminiscent of an old rural school similar to ones that had been used in the Coffee County School System. The result is a building that will remind of the past, but will contain the most modern features and equipment.

Elba W & E Board votes to continue fluoridation

by Ferrin Cox
Publisher

The Elba Water & Electric Board reconsidered a previous action and voted to continue adding fluoride to the Elba water system. A representative of the Alabama Department of Public Health addressed the utility Monday evening and urged them to reconsider their previous action. Board members were told that water systems continue to fill the necessary applications to add the teeth building chemical to the water supply. He named a small town system in Houston County as recently gaining permission to fluoride. Board members admitted they probably voted last month without being fully informed. The motion to reconsider and continue the fluoride was unanimous. The engineering firm for the upgrade program admitted he had already started designing into the new well and tank the necessary housing for the fluoridation equipment. The board voted to issue ten year bonds for up to \$1.3 million for the water improvement and the cost of extending electric lines to the new chip mill on Packing House Road. Cost of repaying these bonds is estimated to be \$14,000 per month with interest at an estimated 6.18%. Additional value is going to be needed at the new school park site and the board voted to proceed with placing the water line under Highway 84. This \$9,100 cost will be part of the overall program and was going to be needed by the utility later anyway. Board members reviewed a list of delinquent bills and commended the staff for continuing to lower the outstanding balances.

No tobacco products allowed at EHS

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The Elba City School Board approved a policy forbidding use or possession of tobacco products on the school campus. The policy applies to students, teachers, and other staff members and to visitors. The new policy declares the buildings and campus as tobacco free areas. It also was extended to cover adults actively involved with supervising students on official school trips. It is effective immediately. Superintendent Charles Pearce (himself a smoker) said they had looked at several different school systems with policies on tobacco. He noted that he expected the state to mandate this action sooner or later and Elba would just be ahead of the mandate. Pearce said some of the policies he read seemed to be unenforceable, but the simple policy of "no tobacco" would be easiest to enforce. The policy reads as follows: In an attempt to encourage a smoke-free environment and help prevent nicotine addiction, it shall be the policy of Elba City Schools to prohibit the use of, or possession of, tobacco products on the campuses of Elba City Schools. Students violating this policy shall be disciplined in the appropriate manner established and recorded in the handbook of the respective schools. To assist in enforcing the policy among staff members and other adults, all inside building areas of the school shall be designated non-tobacco using areas. It was amended by the board to cover the sponsors of official school trips. Three resignations were accepted and three positions were hired to replace them. Ruby Escobar, an elementary PE aide resigned to return to school herself and was replaced by Elaine Yelverton. Kathy Jacobs resigned effective September 11th as the new Spanish teacher for health reasons and was replaced by Elizabeth Andrews. Andrews is a UAB graduate with a double major, one of which is Spanish. Pearce told board members the Enterprise native is highly qualified.

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